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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

Work has begun on the depot at Randsburg.

Ventura's new city government has assumed office.

Riverside banks have nearly \$1,000,000 on deposit.

A White Cross society has been organized at San Diego.

Over 100 Pasadena's have organized a "Better Roads" society.

San Diego has sold its \$260,000 worth of refunding bonds.

San Diego has over 3000 pupils attending her public schools.

The postoffice at Newport has been made a money-order station.

The Western Union has purchased the new Kramer-Randsburg telegraph line.

The First National Bank of Santa Ana has declared a 6 per cent. dividend.

The Riverside Supervisors have placed a 5-cent bounty on rabbit scalps.

Leonard W. Head has been appointed postmaster at Bolsa, Orange county.

The gunboat Pinta is to be assigned to San Diego for the use of the naval reserve.

San Luis Obispo is contemplating putting in an eight or ten-box fire alarm system.

A new lemon pest has appeared in Los Angeles county, and orchardists are worrying.

During 1897, 257 marriage licenses were issued in San Diego county and 209 in San Bernardino.

The townsite of Oxnard is to be laid out in the vicinity of Ventura county's new sugar factory.

It is reported that Gov. Budd will attempt to reorganize the Board of Trustees of the Whittier school.

It is stated that the California Eastern Railroad is to be extended from Manvel to Good Springs, Nev.

The passenger train over the Oceanside and National City road has been supplied with a mail coach.

The Santa Ana City Trustees have called an election for February 5 on the proposition to issue \$65,000 sewer bonds.

The Santa Fé Pacific has named two of its stations where it gets warmest on the Mojave Desert, Klondike and Siberia.

There have been 626 mortgages cancelled in San Bernardino county during the past year, representing \$1,492,137.

The Glendora Fruit Association will erect a one-story basement packing-house in Alosta this month, to cost \$1345.

The San Diego Garbage Crematory Company, with a capital of \$10,000, has made a proposition to dispose of the garbage.

Santa Barbara Supervisors have adopted an ordinance granting a bounty of 2 cents for squirrel and gopher scalps.

The San Diego Aldermen have declined to accept the crematory as it was not constructed according to plans and specifications.

The Redlands Record on January 1 enlarged from four to eight pages. It is now one of the neatest little dailies in Southern California.

Col. Harrison Gray Otis, editor of the Los Angeles Times, has gone to Washington, where he will oppose the Hawaiian annexation treaty.

It is said that a Los Angeles capitalist is contemplating the building of a new theater in that city for Gustave Walter of the Orpheum circuit.

A franchise for a telephone system has been granted John B. Wright by the Yuma City Council. The line will be in operation on or before June 1.

At Fresno, recently, Capt. W. A. Johnson of Stockton was elected lieutenant-colonel of the Sixth Regiment, N.G.C., to succeed Col. Chisholm.

George Lord of San Bernardino, aged 98 years, now at the point of death, is the oldest Mason and Odd Fellow in years and service in the United States if not in the world.

An effort is being made to cancel the electric lighting contract recently let by the San Bernardino City Trustees. It was made for a term of years and is illegal.

The first California mission was

San Diego, founded in 1769 by the very Reverend Father Junipero Serra, who walked up from Loreto, over four hundred miles.

The Union Land and Water Company's canal will be ten to twelve miles long, and will head at West Yuma, where the water will be pumped from the Colorado.

The new board of directors of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce has organized by electing R. A. Thomas president, R. V. Dodge, vice-president; George W. Marston, second vice-president.

At Poloma, in San Diego county, only forty miles from the city of San Diego, there was good sleighing on New Year's. There was eight inches of snow, and the mercury was down to 18 deg.

Los Angeles is something of a place for securing divorces itself. A record of about four hundred cases instituted and over two hundred and fifty decrees granted, puts the city right in the lead.

Charles Cassat Davis, the representative of the Fourth Ward in the Los Angeles Board of Education, is now president of that body. He was elected by a vote of 4 to 2 over Director Poor.

The contract for the construction of a bridge across the arroyo to the Campbell-Johnstone tract has been let to Sawyer & Arthur of Los Angeles, who must build the bridge in ninety days.

C. L. Sturges of Escondido has invented a balloting machine after many years of study and work. The machine is ingenious and is far ahead of the several voting machines that have been invented.

The remaining two contracts for the completion of the new Courthouse at San Bernardino have been awarded that for hot water heating to Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson, \$2645; marble work, Stone Bros., \$4320.

The Colton, Cal., cement works are getting out 170 barrels of cement per day, and the daily shipments are now averaging three carloads. A sale of 6500 barrels was recently made to the San Gabriel Electric Company.

W. L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau Service, has notified Congressman M. A. Smith of Arizona that a second service-station will soon be started in Arizona, probably at Flagstaff, in the high plateau region.

A new water system for the foothill suburb of Santa Barbara has been inaugurated. Twenty thousand feet of pipe has been ordered, and water will be piped from J. L. Barber's tunnel over a thousand-acre tract.

A submerged rock is reported on the further side of Catalina Island. The rock is said to be situated on the southerly side of the island, at a point opposite Avalon, or nearly so. It is said to be covered with about six feet of water, and therefore in a position highly menacing to vessels navigated in that locality.

The contract has been let for the new building for Occidental College at Highland Park, between Los Angeles and Pasadena. The architecture is of the Mission Renaissance style. The main building will be two stories and basement, with a tower equivalent to four stories. It will occupy an area of 89x72 feet.

Los Angeles will probably have a glass factory in the near future. The Atlantic Coast Glass Company of Barnegat, N. J., has written a letter of inquiry to the Board of Trade. If good glass sand is obtainable, a plant will be at once erected. This company is one of the largest glass manufacturers in the United States.

Game Warden Dunn of San Diego has received a crate of six Mongolian pheasants from the State Fish Commissioners, for breeding. Only three crates of the pheasants were sent by the Fish Commissioners to Southern California, the other two coming no further south than Los Angeles.

The 10-inch mortar presented to the Grand Army posts of San Diego has arrived. The barrel is 3 1/2 feet long and the gun weighs 3800 pounds. At Ballast Point the huge coast defense guns are being placed in position. One of the guns weighs 67,000 pounds. It will be placed in a disappearing gun carriage weighing 245,000 pounds.

Count von Goetzen, military attaché of the German embassy, was married in Washington to Mrs. Mary Stanley at the residence of his bride. The Count and his bride have started for a trip across the continent. They will stay for a time at Los Angeles, and will then go to Berlin, where Count von Goetzen will rejoin his regiment, now at Potsdam.

The latest report of the postal receipts at the Los Angeles postoffice shows some interesting figures, as compared with the receipts of last year. For the quarter ending December 31, 1896, the receipts were \$49,995.27; for the quarter ending December 31, 1897, \$56,785.27, showing an increase of 13.57 per cent. For the year ending December 31, 1896, the receipts were \$186,103.80, and for that ending December 31, 1897, \$200,941.03, showing an increase of 8 per cent.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Coal has been discovered on James Tong's place, near Duncan, Ariz. There are a total of 240,952 school children in the State, and the total apportionment is \$2,035,483.44.

The shingle mills of the State will be closed until February 1. An advance in rates of about 10 cents per 1000 has been inaugurated.

The Supervisors of Fresno county have resolved to maintain an exhibit of that county in the State Board of Trade at San Francisco, and have voted \$15 per month to keep it up.

San Francisco and Oakland are forming "home leagues," pledged not to patronize the big Emporium. Many of the smaller stores have been almost crushed by San Francisco's latest octopus.

Gov. McCord has requested a conference at Phoenix, on the 24th, of county assessors and representatives of the boards of supervisors of the Territory, that a more uniform tax rate may be arrived at.

More than ten thousand people are waiting in Seattle till spring, so that they can hurry to Klondike. It is estimated that the Klondike excitement has brought more than \$6,000,000 to Seattle alone.

Among the new buildings which will be built at San José during the early portion of the new year are the \$75,000 high school, the \$50,000 Phelan Theater, and the \$25,000 addition to the Hensley and the Martin block.

It is authoritatively stated that the Valley road will be in operation between Bakersfield and Stockton by the first of March. The line is now within the boundaries of Kern county and building at the rate of six miles per week.

Byron Waters has gone to Washington, D.C., to appear before the Supreme Court of the United States in two Mexican land grant cases. In one he represents Mrs. Hearst of San Francisco, and in the other a gentleman from Arizona.

Ex-President Cleveland has addressed a second communication on the subject to Gov. Budd, urging the exercise of executive clemency in the case of Salter D. Worden, convicted of murder in connection with train-wrecking during the great railroad strike of 1894, and sentenced to be hanged February 11.

The amount of the contract of the Valley road tunnel near Rodeo will be something like \$450,000 or \$500,000. This new tunnel is to be 5700 feet in length. It will be the third longest tunnel in California. The longest is that of the Southern Pacific near San Fernando, which is 7200 feet long; the next, that on the Southern Pacific's road to Santa Cruz, which is about six thousand feet long, and the fourth, that on the Southern Pacific's coast extension between Santa Margarita and San Luis Obispo, a tunnel of 4000 feet.

The Santa Fé Pacific is preparing to enlarge its shops at San Bernardino. An entirely new car building and repairing shop will be erected, that in floor space will be larger than all the floor space of all the various departments combined; the present blacksmith and boiler shop will be all one vast blacksmith shop; a new boiler-making plant will be erected, in which this branch of railroad work will be carried on. There are now on the way fifty-nine cars loaded with lumber, with which to commence the building, and it will only be a few days now when the preparatory work will commence.

James H. White, representing the Edison company, was in Riverside recently, and was taken to the packing-house of Riverside Heights, No. 10, by A. S. White, and got some splendid views of the packers at work. The process by which these views are taken is little short of marvelous. In thirty seconds 1800 pictures can be taken, and Mr. White announces that the conditions were very favorable to securing some very choice "living pictures" of an important feature of the orange industry in Southern California. Mr. White is taking a series of interesting scenes representing life and industries in Southern California. These views will be used in Edison's kineoscopes, cinematoscopes and animatoscopes, and will enlighten many an easterner in regard to features of life in the new Italy.

## MINES AND MINING.

What the San Francisco Miners' Association Proposes to Do.

The Golden Jubilee and the great mining exposition which will follow it are absorbing all the energies of the San Francisco Miners' Association, which gave the semi-centennial its first impetus, but when these affairs are over the association will take up other lines of effort, and promises to be a very great aid to the prosperity of the industry in many ways.

The active president of the association, T. J. Parsons, gives the following general outline of the new career which is planned for the organization:

The San Francisco Miners' Association has started an effort to stimulate the growth and prosperity of the mining industry in California, mainly by advertising its possibilities and greatness to the world.

The plans for this work are yet very general. They will develop in detail as we go along, and will, I hope, grow as we progress, as the plan for a semi-centennial of the discovery of gold grew out of the idea of this association to celebrate the event with a large parade and other suitable exercises, and develop into a plan for an exposition in connection with a great Golden Jubilee.

The jubilee and exposition will command all the energies of the association until they are over, and then active steps along other lines will be taken, plans for which will be considerably developed meantime. The first work will be to get the association thoroughly organized and strengthened. Its membership is now about 265, composed mainly of manufacturers and merchants directly interested in the mining trade, and hence in the prosperity of the industry. Individuals pay dues of \$5 a year, commercial and manufacturing firms \$50, and mining companies \$25. We wish to largely increase the membership from among all who have an active or a merely friendly interest in mining. We will show many business men the direct benefit of identifying themselves with the association and helping it along.

We want to establish a headquarters supplied with publications, etc., of interest to miners, and to make it a rendezvous for mining men when they come to the city. It is our idea to maintain there a bureau of mining information which shall do the statistical and scientific work of the Mining Bureau, which will afford ready practical information to mining men and to strangers.

A permanent exhibit may be maintained, displaying as well as possible the mineral resources of the State. This exhibit would correspond to that of the horticultural and agricultural resources of the State by the State Board of Trade. One purpose of the association is to advertise San Francisco as the mining center of the Pacific Coast, and manufacturers of mining machinery and supplies might maintain private exhibits there.

What this institution will become depends on developments in the near future, but we hope to make it a grand advertising bureau for the industry. From it literature might be circulated all over the world.

All these plans will be discussed during the preparations for the jubilee and interest in them developed. So many have already become deeply interested in our plans that I am confident that we will find the enthusiastic cooperation needed. The entire State is interested in the mining industry and wishes to see it flourish.

T. J. PARSONS.

From the data at hand it is estimated that the output of the precious metals in Washington for the year 1897 will amount to about one and one-half millions of dollars, which is a substantial increase over any preceding year.

### Canadian Mines.

The detailed report of the geological survey upon statistics of mines and minerals for the year 1896 has been issued. It gives Canada's total mineral production for the year at \$22,000,000, an increase of 125 per cent. in ten years, the production in 1886 having been \$10,000,000. The increase of mineral production for the same decade was 40 per cent. The annual production per capita is \$8 in the United States, against \$450 in Canada. In the production of gold, British Columbia stands credited with over 64 per cent., and Nova Scotia with over 18 per cent. The Northwest Territories, including the Yukon district, come third, with 10 per cent., and Ontario fourth, with about 5 per cent., while Quebec contributes much under 1 per cent.

God is love, and you can never escape from love. No sorrow, no sin, no estrangement, no darkness, can enable you to escape from love. The omnipotence is the omnipotence of love, and the omnipresence is the omnipresence of love. You may loosen your hand, but he will not loosen his. —Lyman Abbott

## A BACHELOR'S QUARTERS.

Nothing Homelike About Them, According to the Married Man's Story.

They hadn't met since the old college days, ten years before, and of course the benedict insisted that the bachelor should come home to dinner with him.

"Married the year after I left college," he said, "and I have the nicest little home and the finest lot of youngsters that you ever saw. I want you to come out and see how nicely I'm fixed. I tell you a man doesn't know what life is until he's married."

"No?"

"Well, I should say not."

And so it happened that the bachelor went with the benedict and met the latter's wife and played with his children and made himself generally useful and popular until they were all seated at the dinner table.

It was over the coffee and cigars, after the benedict's wife had left the table, that the benedict finally suggested:

"Pretty comfortably fixed, ain't I, old man? Children, why don't you go into the other room?"

"Very nicely, indeed," answered the bachelor, replying to the first question and ignoring the second.

"Oh, there's nothing like home life,"

went on the benedict. "Willie, stop trying to climb on Mr. Brown's knee. He wants to smoke. Do you know, old man, I laugh when I think of my foolish idea that I knew in those old days what happiness was. Why, a man doesn't begin to live until— Maggie, put that nutpick back on the table. You'll jab it in your eye the first thing you know. Yes, sir. I actually have to laugh when I think of it. Our idea of contentment in those days was to get a pipe and a book and a bottle of Scotch and lock the door and lie down and—

Would you mind moving your coffee cup a little farther back on the table, old man? Tommie's trying to reach it, and my wife would raise my scalp if I should let him break one of her very best cups. That's it. Thank you. As I was saying, we didn't know what ease and contentment was in those days. No single man does. A man has to have a big armchair and his slippers all ready for him and everything sort of restful and quiet before— Now, don't cry, Mabel. If you didn't want to get hurt, why did you grab the end of my cigar? Tommie, take her in to her mother. There, Willie, I told you you'd stick that nutpick into your hand if you didn't look out. Run into the other room and ask your mother to put a bandage on it. Let's see, where was I, old man? Oh, yes, I remember now. I was about to say that there's nothing homelike about a bachelor's quarters."

"No," interrupted the bachelor, with considerable emphasis, "there isn't."

The benedict couldn't quite see the reason for such an emphatic assertion, but he wisely changed the subject, just the same. —Chicago Post.

### Feeding a Baby Elephant.

In St. Nicholas F. Fitz Roy Dixon tells of a baby elephant that was captured by friends of his in Ceylon, after the death of its mother. Mr. Dixon says:

When Sidney was first brought over, virtually in order that she might be fed, the question naturally arose as to how she would take her nourishment. Of course the proper way for an adult elephant to take in water is by means of the trunk, which is furnished with two tubes running its whole length. But when a bowl of milk was placed before the baby elephant she did not know what to do with it. She dipped the tip of her trunk into it, and the lookers on thought that there would be no difficulty about her drinking at all, since she recognized the scent of the nourishment she had been accustomed to. But she was quite at a loss and set up a roar which seemed quite natural under the circumstances. Then some one suggested pouring it down her throat from a bottle, and this was accordingly tried, and after one or two ineffectual attempts she understood.

She was half starved when this was done, for she had had nothing to eat since the death of her mother, and her delight at being fed was most amusing. The only trouble was that it was difficult to satisfy her, and it was feared that the change of diet would disagree with her, but fortunately it had no ill effect.

Nearly 200 patents have been issued for horseshoes, but not one of the inventions has ever come into general use.

### Significant.

A drawing master who had been worrying a pupil with contemptuous remarks about his deficiency of skill in the use of the pencil ended by saying:

"If you were to draw me, for example, tell me what part you would draw first."

The pupil, with a significant meaning in his eye, looked up to his teacher's face and quietly said:

"Your neck, sir." —Pick Me Up.